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### **PROPER PESTICIDE, HERBICIDE, FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSAL**

To keep pollutants from entering the City's storm system and ultimately the Rock River, the City of Rockford reminds everyone who applies pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, whether privately or professionally, to take the following actions;

1. Never apply prior to or during any rain event.
2. Never apply during high winds.
3. Always follow label directions and do not over apply.
4. Sweep excess material off sidewalks, driveways and streets.
5. Leave grass clippings on the lawn for natural fertilizer.
6. Use properly calibrated equipment.
7. Store in well ventilated areas under cover.
8. Recycle or properly dispose of all excess chemicals.

For more information regarding proper application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer go to the City of Rockford's storm water page: <http://rockfordil.gov/public-works/engineering-cip/stormwater.aspx>.

If you have any further questions regarding proper application and disposal of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers please contact Brad Holcomb, Storm Water & Environmental Program Manager, City of Rockford Public Works Department at 815-967-7061.

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